

**ACTS**  
**PASSED AT**  
**THE ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**December 1838 through January 1839**

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seal, appoint such officers as they may think proper and remove the same for improper conduct or neglect of duty.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, The said Trustees or body corporate shall be privileged to purchase, accept of and be invested with all manner of property, either real, personal, or mixed, to them and their successors in office, to have and to hold the same for the proper use and benefit of said Academy; *Provided*, the whole value of said property shall never exceed twenty thousand dollars. Trustees may hold property

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when any vacancy may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, of any of the Trustees of said Academy, the survivors or residue of said Trustees, shall fill the same in such manner as shall be pointed out by the by-laws and regulations of said corporation; and that a majority of said board of Trustees shall be competent to transact all business pertaining to said corporation, and their acts shall be as binding and valid as if the whole board were present. Vacancies how filled.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all property owned by said Trustees in their aforesaid corporate capacity, shall be and it is hereby declared free from all taxation. Property not taxable.

Approved Feb. 1st, 1839.

[No. 76.]

AN ACT

To declare Chockolocco Creek a public highway from Davis' to Bagleys Mills in the County of Talladega.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened*, That the Chockolocco Creek from Davis' to Bagleys Mills in the County of Talladega is hereby declared a public highway.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons, shall obstruct the navigation of said creek, by building milldams, felling trees, or in any other way, such person or persons, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars; one half to the State, and the other half to any person who may sue for the same, recoverable before any court of law having jurisdiction of the same and shall also forfeit and pay all damages which any person or persons, may sustain by reason of such obstructions, recoverable in like manner, and all such obstructions may be removed by order of the County or Circuit Courts of Talladega county as a public nuisance.

Approved Feb. 1, 1839.

[No. 77.]

AN ACT

To suppress the evil practice of carrying weapons secretly.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened*, That if any person shall carry concealed about his person any species of fire arms, or any bowie knife, Arkansaw tooth-pick, or any other knife of the like kind, dirk, or any other deadly weapon, the person so offending, shall on conviction thereof, before any court having competent jurisdiction, pay a fine not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be assessed by the jury trying the case; and be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the Judge of said court.

Judges to  
give this law  
in charge to  
jury

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Judges of the several Circuit Courts of this State to give this act specially in charge to the Grand Juries, at the commencement of each term of said Courts.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State shall cause this act to be published for three months in the papers of Mobile, Montgomery, Tusculumbia, Huntsville, Wetumpka and Tuscaloosa, which publishers shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Approved Feb. 1, 1839.

[No. 78]

# AN ACT

To incorporate the town of Mooresville in the county of Limestone.

Incorporation

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened*, That the town of Mooresville, in the county of Limestone, be and the same is hereby incorporated, including all the territory within one fourth of a mile in every direction, from the store house of White and Dewoody in said town.

Trustees to  
be elected.

Sec 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all free white male persons of said town living and residing within the limits of said incorporation above the age of twenty-one years, are hereby authorised to vote for and elect persons residing in said town, or corporate limits as trustees of said corporation, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business who are empowered to superintend the police of said town by passing such by-laws not contrary to the laws of the United States and of this State as they may think proper for the Government of said town, and for the suppression and removal of nuisances, within the above mentioned boundaries.

Assess taxes.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said trustees or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to assess such taxes on all property lying within the limits of said corporation as they may think proper, for all the purposes of a proper police and necessary revenue therefor.

Trustees to  
elect President.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said trustees shall meet on the day next succeeding the election and choose from among themselves a President who shall preside and keep order at all meetings of the trustees; and the President of said trustees is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges of a Justice of the peace within the corporate limits of said town, and at the same time and place, the said trustees shall elect a treasurer for the corporation and a constable, and the said constable so elected shall be vested with all the powers, privileges, and duties of a constable within the corporate limits aforesaid, and to whom the taxes aforesaid shall be given in on oath, and who shall collect and pay over the same to the treasurer of said town within ten days after the same is collected.

To elect Treasurer & constable.

Elections  
when held.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the election of trustees shall be held on the second Monday in March 1839, and forever thereafter, on the same day in each succeeding year, from eleven o'clock, A. M. to four o'clock P. M., under the direction of a Justice of the Peace of said county; and two house-holders or free-holders residing within the limits aforesaid.